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Seismology

6950 Body Waves
SEISMOLOGICAL CHARACTERIZATION OF CRUSTAL COOLING IN THE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES
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A model of crustal cooling is presented based on a geotherm that explains the mode of local and near regional earthquakes. These mode 0 values are in good agreement with Q of 10^4 values. Data are obtained from over 200 small earthquakes, with most magnitudes between 1.0 and 2.0, recorded by 25 USGS and 27 LBNL stations throughout the continental United States. These two sets of data provide a range of frequencies from 0.5 to 3.5 Hz. A frequency dependence of Q is observed in the range of frequencies considered. A power law dependence of the form $Q = Q_0 f^{\alpha}$ is assumed. The value of frequency dependence α is found to be negative in the tectonically active western United States and positive in the stable regions of the central and south central United States.

The level Q values are obtained in the western United States with values ranging from 100 to 200 in the Colorado Plateau. Average crustal Q values for the Basin and Range province vary from 200 to 300, increasing gradually to 400 in the Colorado Plateau. Q values in the Columbia Plateau vary from 200 to 300. Q values increase very rapidly along the central and southern Rocky Mountain ranges. East of the Rocky Mountains, Q values increase gradually in the Interior Plains to a maximum value of around 1000 in the Mississippi Embayment region. Coastal regions of eastern and northeastern United States have a crustal Q value between 500 to 700. Evidence of north-south crustal differences is seen in low Q values, ranging from 600 to 1000 and eastward. The mode factor $M(2)$, a measure of the intensity of mode 0, was obtained for several different regions of the continental United States. Regions of high Q values exhibit low intensity of mode 0.

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6950 Seismic Sources
FOCAL MECHANISMS OF INTRACRUSTAL AND INTRAPLATE EARTHQUAKES AND THEIR IMPLICATIONS FOR THE THERMAL AND RHEOLOGICAL PROPERTIES OF THE LITHOSPHERE
Vernon F. Chen (Department of Geology, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 245 Natural History Building, 1301 W. Green Street, Urbana, IL 61801), and Peter Molnar
We investigate the distribution of focal depths for earthquakes that do not appear to be associated with zones of recent subduction, using both new results from analysis of individual events recorded at teleseismic stations and published data for both microearthquakes and larger events. The deepest events in oceanic regions occur in old lithosphere (2000 Ma), and the deepest crustal events occur in old orogenic (tectonic age 2000 Ma). Therefore, the temperatures at the source region are likely to be an important factor determining whether deformation occurs seismically or not. From estimates of the temperatures at depths of the deepest events, we conclude that these limiting temperatures are about 250 to 350°C and 600 to 800°C for crustal and mantle materials, respectively. In several regions of recent continental convergence, in addition to shallow crustal seismicity, there is seismic activity in the uppermost mantle. The lower crust, however, is seismically inactive. We infer that both the upper crustal and the mantle seismic regions correspond to zones of relatively high strength, and that they are separated by a zone of lower strength in the lower crust where seismic, ductile deformation predominates. This simple interpretation is qualitatively in agreement with accreted values of brittle and ductile strengths of geologic materials studied under appropriate pressure and temperature conditions in the laboratory. A low strength zone in the lower crust might allow detachment of crystalline nappes from the underlying mantle (and lower crustal) lithosphere. The apparently greater strength of mantle materials than crustal materials at the same temperature implies that oceanic lithosphere is much stronger than continental lithosphere, and this difference may account for why plate tectonics works well in oceanic regions but not in continents. (Focal depths, intraplate earthquakes, rheology of the lithosphere.)

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6970 Structure of the crust and upper mantle
THREE DIMENSIONAL CRUSTAL AND UPPER MANTLE STRUCTURE OF THE BURENIA CONTINENT
C. F. Fung and T. T. Tong (Department of Geological Sciences, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California 90089-0741)
The recent discovery of a phase transformation in Fe_2O_3 by Janssen and Ahrens has allowed a more detailed development of a model for core formation involving oxygen as the principal light alloying element in the core. It is predicted, based on calculations, that an increasing pressure in the system Fe_2O_3 -Fe will cause a gradual exsolution of an almost pure Fe_2O_3 phase (FeO) from an iron-depleted (Fe,FeO) melt (FeO) phase. We also predict that FeO will form a low-density layer at the base of the high-pressure solar nebula as a relatively homogeneous mixture of metallic iron and oxidized iron. This layer of FeO will be sufficiently high to cause exsolution of FeO from the molten phase, and temperatures in the solar nebula will be high enough to allow formation of a Fe-FeO melt. A gravitational instability arising, leading to vertical differentiation of the earth, will cause FeO to collect at the base of the nebula. The FeO will then be the metal-disk component to form the core and the residual, depleted silicate material coalesced to form the mantle. (FeO-FeO, core formation, high pressure, phase transformation.)

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SEISMOLOGICAL CHARACTERIZATION OF THE ZAGROS BASIN
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A MODEL FOR THE FORMATION OF THE BURENIA CONTINENT
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News

Methane: Mantle Depths to Crust

A few years ago, Thomas Gold, Cornell's famous astronomer, entered the earth sciences by discovering, so he says, that methane gas is released from deep in the earth's mantle and is now trapped in large reservoirs within the crust. For a number of good reasons the idea has continued to bounce around the geological community for a while. The main attraction is that if Gold is correct, abundant energy sources can be tapped into the next millennium. Unless strong evidence is found to dispute his idea that most methane emissions from the crust are abiogenic, it seems wise to go on testing the concept. In spite of the title in *Nature*, "Mantle methane—Fool's gold?", of a recent article by the Planetary Sciences Unit (PSU) of the University of Cambridge, England (*Nature*, Nov. 25, 1982), it was determined that the idea of commercially exploitable accumulations of abiogenic methane should be checked out. In the words of the PSU, "The possibility that primordial methane still outgases from the Earth, forms commercially exploitable accumulations, and is involved with higher hydrocarbon formation cannot be dismissed out of hand; constructive research and exploration is necessary."

There seem to be at least three methods to test Gold's ideas. One is the expensive, super-deep drilling program suggested to the United States Department of Energy by Gold and his supporters. Another is to analyze natural methane for its carbon isotope ratios to distinguish 'primordial' carbon-rich methane from the common biologically bound and produced type. A third approach is to examine the geochemistry of methane, analyzing its stability fields under deep mantle condi-

tions to see whether it could survive. The first of these is too costly to attempt without more evidence. The second can be done, but so far the results are noncommittal. The third could be done experimentally, but it would take time.

Meanwhile, Gold is stimulating further conjecture. For example, there is methane associated with ^3He , which is 'universally accepted as a primordial telluric gas component incorporated at the time of the earth's formation', and methane has been observed in a Russian deep drill hole (*Nature*, op cit.). The methane from midocean ridges, volcanic areas, and tectonically active zones could be abiogenic, or it could be recycled, geologically old gas. If so, carbon-14 dating techniques cannot be employed. Stable carbon isotope ratios $^{13}\text{C}/^{12}\text{C}$ and hydrogen isotope ratios D/H could offer useful correlations, but the systems are not well determined. For example, the ratios of stable carbon isotopes in natural diamonds vary excessively for unknown reasons. By the same token, there are precious few numbers of analyses available. What is known is that methane is a very stable form of carbon on the earth, in space, in the universe. Methane must have existed in the primordial earth; it exists now.—PMB

Mauna Loa Lauded

The American Meteorological Society (AMS) recently designated the Mauna Loa Observatory in Hawaii as the recipient of the AMS Special Award. Special awards are made to individuals or organizations not appropriately recognized by more specifically defined awards and who have made important contributions to the science or practice of meteorology or to AMS.

The Mauna Loa Observatory was cited for

service to the scientific community for providing measurements of the chemical and physical background state of the atmosphere. The continuous records of CO_2 and atmospheric transmission, in particular, are internationally unique and especially important as basic information applicable to understanding climate variability.

The observatory, constructed in 1956, began 2 years later to record CO_2 concentrations and atmospheric solar transmission. The CO_2 measurement record, obtained cooperatively with the Scripps Institution of Oceanography, is the best uninterrupted record of its kind. Other key measurements include precipitation chemistry, surface and total ozone, and atmospheric aerosol concentrations. Mauna Loa is a component of the Air Resources Laboratories, Environmental Research Laboratories, of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

LANDSAT Support

A \$5.3-million, 1-year contract has been awarded to the Computer Sciences Corporation in Silver Spring, Md., to provide support services for operating the LANDSAT 4 satellite system, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) recently announced. LANDSAT 4, launched in July by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration as part of a series of research satellites, helps to forecast crop yields, manage rangelands and forests, aid in the exploration for minerals and petroleum, assess water quality, gauge the effects of natural disasters, and plan land use.

The contract to Computer Sciences Corporation contains an additional 3-year option for a total of nearly \$25 million over 4 years.

NOAA assumes responsibility for the satellite at the end of January.

OTA Congressional Fellowship

The Office of Technology Assessment (OTA) is seeking qualified candidates from academia, industry, and government for its Congressional Fellowship Program for 1983-1984. The program, similar to AGU's Congressional Fellowship Program, provides an opportunity for individuals who have demonstrated outstanding ability to gain a better understanding of science and technology issues facing Congress and the ways in which Congress establishes national policy related to these issues.

OTA will select up to six fellows for a 1-year stint, which begins in September 1983, on Capitol Hill. The program is open to men and women of all disciplines who have demonstrated exceptional competency in the physical or biological sciences, engineering, law, economics, environmental and social sciences, or public policy. Candidates must have completed research and training at the doctoral level or have equivalent experience, as judged by the OTA fellowship selection committee. Salaries for successful candidates will range from \$24,000 to \$38,000 per year, based on the fellow's current salary and/or training and experience.

Fellowship applicants are required to submit a resume (up to two pages) that lists education, experience, area(s) of special interest; a one-page list of published works; three letters of reference; and a statement of roughly 1000 words addressing the applicant's principal expectations of the fellowship program and his/her expected contributions to OTA during the program. For additional information, write to Congressional Fellowships, Personnel Office, Office of Technology Assessment, Congress of the United States, Washington, DC 20510. Applications for the fellowship and letters of reference should be sent to the above address no later than February 11, 1983. The letters of recommendation should be sent directly to OTA.

Books

Land and Stream Salinity

J. W. Holmes and T. Talsma (eds.), *Dev. in Agr. Eng.*, vol. 2, Elsevier, New York, 392 pp., 1981, \$30.50.

Reviewed by Mohamed T. El-Ashry

Soil salinity and salinity in water supplies are two major problems facing agricultural production in many arid and semi-arid regions of the world. Salt, in varying concentrations, occurs naturally in both soils and aquifers. However, salinity problems usually result from man's interference with natural processes and disturbance of the hydrologic balance. For example, the clearing of trees in southwestern Australia and the breaking of native sod on the Great Plains of North America for wheat cropping have reduced evapotranspiration. At the same time, over-irrigation in dry regions concentrates dissolved salts in the soil profile, while irrigation return flows add to downstream salinity problems. These problems are of great economic significance, and opportunities are being sought for improved drainage and for interception and disposal of saline groundwater. However, these structural solutions are capital-intensive and quite expensive to say the least. The most cost-effective measures, but also the most challenging, are in the areas of improved on-farm water management to reduce losses, modified cropping patterns, selected retirement of marginally productive lands, and basin-wide water resource management with regard to both quantity and quality objectives.

This volume is a reasonable contribution to the understanding of the problem of land and stream salinity and of control efforts, with major emphasis on dryland salinity and little emphasis on irrigated lands. It contains 19 papers presented in an international seminar and workshop held in November 1980, in Perth, western Australia. The objectives of the workshop, as stated in the introductory section, were (1) to review the state of knowledge of processes involved in land and stream salinity and to consider its application in different environments; (2) to identify gaps in research and development and to designate priorities for salinity control; (3) to identify alternative land and water management strategies for salinity control; and (4) to give a degree of emphasis in the above objectives to salinity problems in southwestern Australia. The last objective was well met with 11 of the 19 papers dealing with salinity issues in Australia while six papers dealt with problems in the United States, one with the Netherlands, and one with Israel.

The papers discuss six broad topics: causes of dryland salinity (two papers); transport of salt through the soil (four papers); groundwater systems (four papers); prediction of stream and reservoir salinity (four papers);

soil and plant management (two papers); and land water management (three papers). The quality of the papers vary from sophisticated and sound models based on actual field measurements, to mathematical speculation, to papers which seem almost contrived to fit the occasion of the workshop.

The volume underlines the need for solutions to salinity problems in the recharge areas, as opposed to the treatment of the saline discharge areas. Besides their cost effectiveness, such solutions would also result in water conservation. However, it is also indicated that customary engineering solutions such as shallow and deep drainage to remove saline water should not be rejected and that the disposal of the saline water must be considered carefully. In this regard, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation is considering the use of highly saline water from the Upper Colorado River Basin in coal slurry pipelines as well as for other energy-related uses.

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WORLD WATER RESOURCES AND THEIR FUTURE
ISBN 0-87590-224-3 (1979)
M.I. L'vovich, translated from the Russian, English translation edited by Raymond L. Nace

Three problems of major concern are covered in this book: the world water balance, world freshwater resources, and ways of solving the water problem based on the long-range forecasts of world water resources. Not only are theoretical aspects of hydrological science of concern but also discussions that will aid approach to practical problems.

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Transition and Turbulence

R. E. Meier (ed.), *Math. Res. Center Symp. and Adv. Seminar Ser.*, Academic, New York, ix + 245 pp., 1981, \$15.50.

Reviewed by S. A. Thorpe

Naturally occurring fluid flows are seldom in a state of fully developed turbulence, except near boundaries. The upper atmosphere and the ocean, in and below the thermocline, are dominated by wave-like motions. Turbulence when, and where, it occurs is sporadic and short-lived; it is transitional rather than maintained. The subject of this volume is thus of importance and relevance to scientists concerned with understanding the motion and mechanics of 'geophysical' fluids.

This volume contains 12 (sadly not all) of the invited lectures at a symposium held at the University of Wisconsin in October 1980. Many of the distinguished authors offer very forthright and refreshingly clear commentaries on the state of the art and, in particular, on the areas where perspectives differ.

There are two major themes. First, there is the concept of successive stages, reached by bifurcations, through which a flow passes en route from a laminar to a turbulent state. DiPrima and Benjamin describe those in flow between rotating cylinders (Couette flow, steady Taylor vortex flow, periodic wavy vortex flow, quasi-periodic wavy vortex flow, chaotic flow) while Busse discusses those in thermal convection (no motion, convection rolls, bimodal convection, oscillating bimodal convection, spoked pattern convection and chaotic motion). Spectral methods are now widely used to describe the flows. After half a century of investigation, the theory of steady flows (those that follow the first bifurcation) seems reasonably secure, but that of unsteady flows is yet rudimentary; turbulence is yet some way ahead.

The second theme is that of coherent structures. Awareness of organized patterns in turbulence dates back nearly 3 decades to the 'large eddy' concepts of Townsend, and is perhaps germane to the ideas of Malkin and others of marginal stability of turbulent flows. Attention has been drawn to these features by laboratory work, notably Brown and Roshko's experiments, and this has encouraged the recognition that measurement of statistical quantities alone provides at best only a partial understanding of turbulent flow dynamics. The question of whether or not these structures, which resemble those found at the onset of instability, are truly inherent in fully developed turbulence or are simply a remnant of a transitional instability, is perhaps now academic. What is clear is that, as Laufer puts it, 'the initial instability of the flow can have a surprisingly strong influence

on its subsequent development; thus, the instability and the subsequent turbulent state of the flows are coupled.'

The text is lightened by several entertaining remarks. Vorticity, says Saffman, is the 'sinews and muscles of fluid motion'. Lunell, critical of conditional sampling which reveals structures, likens them to 'the birds in an Escher woodcut, that are formed by the spaces between other birds.' He 'cannot call them non-existent, since they are there, but they are formed by chance juxtaposition of other, relevant, structures, and have no significance.' It seems to me a pity that the volume is so poorly finished. The reviews deserve better presentation than that of typewritten pages with their numerous typographical errors and crude figures.

There is a short index, and each review includes its own list of references. Perhaps the fairly low price, making this excellent account of recent developments available to many readers (and graduate students will find much of great value), justifies the poor quality

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Maurice Ewing Series
Volume 4:
Earthquake Prediction
An International Review

David W. Simpson
Paul G. Richards

During the past 5 years exciting new evidence on the occurrence of prehistoric earthquakes has come from geologic studies of fault zones, particularly trenching and the dating of offset geologic units.

One of the goals of the Third Ewing Symposium reported in this volume was to obtain an overview of large earthquakes of several countries. Case histories of recent major events in China, Japan, Mexico, the U.S.S.R. and the U.S.A. are included. Reviewed optimism about earthquake prediction generated at the symposium is documented in this volume.

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Status of Arctic Research Coordination

Alaskan, national, and international interests. Alaska is the only U.S. state in a subarctic territory. An Arctic research policy is thus viewed by many as a research policy for Alaska, a "boonanza" for Alaskan scientists. At the federal level,

to invest large sums in developing local technologies and solving local problems and, then, sharing the results with other competing enterprises in the north. The picture is compounded by an understandable suspicion on the part of industry that national coordination or national policy setting could lead to greater control and regulation. Yet, by and large, industry would be a prime beneficiary of an expanded and more reliable public data base on the arctic environment and arctic resources and of better informed decision-making.

research of the federal, state, local, private, and university sectors, and provide the basis for their involvement in the design and conduct of an Arctic research plan.

4. Provide for mechanisms and institutional arrangements to obtain an adequate data base concurrently with research on fundamental Arctic processes; this work goes far toward improving the prediction of long-term environmental changes associated with Arctic resource development.
5. Promote a concerted effort to obtain quantitative understanding of short-term natural and anthropogenic hazards and risks in the Arctic, and improve prediction and prevention capabilities.
6. Provide a clearinghouse mechanism for the timely dissemination of major results and conclusions of public research, and encourage the use of nonproprietary private research, and

Current Developments

The Polar Research Board [1982] of the National Academy of Sciences established a Committee on Arctic Research Policy,

National Petroleum Council, U.S. Arctic Oil and Gas, report, Washington, D.C., 1981.

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Meetings

Announcements

AAAS Divisions Meet

The 64th Annual Meeting of Pacific Division of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) and the 59th Annual Meeting of the AAAS Southwestern and Rocky Mountain Division will be held jointly at the Utah State University in Logan, June 19-24, 1983.

The American Meteorological Society and Section W (Atmospheric and Hydrospheric Sciences) of the two AAAS divisions will co-sponsor paper sessions, a symposium entitled "Man-Atmosphere Interactions in Arid and Semi-Arid Environments," and, possibly, other programs. Atmospheric energy, environmental pollution, and the climatology, meteorology, and hydrography of various areas are among the topics expected to be investigated.

Abstracts should be sent by April 1, 1983, to the program chairman, John Lier, Department of Geography and Environmental Studies, California State University, Hayward, CA 94542 (telephone: 415-881-3193), include with the abstract a list of special equipment (such as overhead, lantern slide, opaque, or 35-mm slide projectors) that would be needed for the presentation. Details on the entire program, abstract format, registration, housing, and transportation can be obtained from Alan E. Devlin, Executive Director, AAAS (Pacific Division), California Academy of Sciences, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, CA 94118 (telephone: 415-732-1584) or from Michelle Balcorn, Executive Officer, AAAS (Southwestern and Rocky Mountain Division), Colorado Mountain College, 3000 Country Road 114, Glenwood Springs, CO 81601 (telephone: 303-945-8105).

Geophysical Year

New Listings

The complete Geophysical Year last appeared in the December 21, 1982, *Eos*. A boldface meeting title indicates sponsorship or cosponsorship by AGU.

June 18-22, 1983. Fifth International Conference on Finite Elements in Water Resources, Burlington, Vt. (J. P. Lallier, Finite Element Conference, Department of Civil Engineering and Mechanical Engineering, University of Vermont, Burlington, VT 05405).

June 19-24, 1983. 64th Annual Meeting

Physical Oceanography/Memorial University of Newfoundland. Applications are invited for a faculty appointment in physical oceanography which is to be made in the PHYSICS DEPARTMENT for June 1, 1983, subject to final budgetary approval. Rank and salary are negotiable and commensurate with the qualifications of the appointee. Considerable research experience beyond a Ph.D. degree is preferred. The position offers a challenging academic career with stimulating research opportunities in the Northwest Atlantic and the Canadian Arctic. The Department has an active group engaged in field studies of fjords in Newfoundland, Labrador and Baffin Island and the submarine canyons of the Grand Banks, and in the application of a numerical sea-ice model to the Labrador Sea and Baffin Bay. This group interacts closely with other oceanographers, both inside and outside the University, through the Newfoundland Institute for Cold Ocean Science.

Candidates are sought whose primary interests are in theoretical investigations of continental shelf and coastal dynamics but who are a new and growing program and qualified individuals with experience in any area of physical oceanography should apply. An interest in interdisciplinary research and co-operation would be an asset. The appointment will include teaching duties at the graduate and undergraduate levels. Applications, including curriculum vitae and the names of three referees, or requests for information should be addressed to:

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Regional Setting and Geologic History

Geophysically, the Long Valley-Mono Craters volcanic complex sits directly astride the important boundary between Sierran basement structure and the extensional regime of the Basin and Range. Coinciding with this change in the style of crustal deformation is a dramatic change in the thermal regime [Lachenbruch *et al.*, 1976]. To the west, on the Sierra Nevada escarpment, measured heat flows are typically 50% lower than they are just a few kilometers to the east.

This major boundary within the continental crust has been the focus of intense volcanic activity during Pleistocene and Holocene time. Volcanism in the Long Valley-Mono Craters region [Bailey *et al.*, 1976] began about 3 m.y. ago with widely scattered mafic eruptions, but became more concentrated and more silicic in character 2 m.y. to 1 m.y. ago with the development of the Glass Mountain complex, an accumulation of high silica rhyolite flows and tephra resembling the modern Mono Craters. These small-to-moderate volume explosive and effusive events were followed by the cataclysmic eruption 0.7 m.y. ago of 600 km³ of rhyolite magma to form the Bishop Tuff, accompanied by 2-3 km of subsidence in the source region to form Long Valley caldera. Caldera collapse occurred in part along an arcuate fracture zone defined by Glass Mountain vents, suggesting a relationship between the Glass Mountain eruptions and the large shallow magma body responsible for the Bishop Tuff eruption. Uplift of the west-central caldera floor to form the resurgent dome and intracaldera eruptions quickly followed caldera collapse, and about 1 km of tephra and tuffaceous lake sediments were deposited. Although the Bishop Tuff is nowhere exposed within the caldera, results from three moderate-depth drill holes, combined with gravity and seismic data, revealed that more than half the total volume of the tuff is contained within this structural depression [Hildreth, 1979].

Intracaldera eruptions span most of the time after caldera collapse up to the present, and many of these eruptions vented from the western portion of the ring fracture zone. In general this activity is characterized by declining volume and silica content, and increasing crystal content with time. Hildreth has documented chemical zonation within the Bishop Tuff magma, and Bailey *et al.* have interpreted the post-caldera eruption history as the tapping of successively deeper levels of a large, zoned, inwardly crystallizing pluton.

Within the past few tens of thousands of years, two new volcanic centers have developed immediately to the north of the caldera. These are the predominantly rhyolite Mono

Craters, an arcuate arrangement of huge domes and stubby flows with major associated tephra deposits, and the much smaller and compositionally more diverse Mono Lake group of vents. The arc defined by the Mono Craters vents can be traced through nearly 350° as a zone of mylonitization and faulting, marking the boundary of the four-fingered roof of a magma chamber [Kistler, 1966]. Within the last thousand years, significant eruptions have occurred at both ends of the Mono Craters chain and possibly in Mono Lake. These eruptions included development of a new chain of vents, represented by the Inyo Domes and Inyo Craters, extending southward from the tip of Mono Craters into western Long Valley caldera. Although these vents overlap the older Long Valley system, their eruption products bear chemical affinity to Mono Craters.

Seismically along the Sierra Nevada-Basin and Range boundary has also been intense and is responsible for its spectacular topographic expression. During the great Owens Valley earthquake of 1872, the ground surface broke along the Sierra front to within 30 km of Long Valley. Moderate events in the vicinity of Long Valley and Mono Craters occurred in 1889, 1910, 1912, 1927, 1929, 1938, and 1941. The Hilton Creek-Laurel Mountain fault zone immediately to the south of Long Valley was the site of four $M_L > 6$ earthquakes from May 25-27, 1980 [Cramer and Topolozada, 1980] and has been the site of much activity since [Ryall and Ryall 1981]; A. Ryall, personal communication, 1982).

Evidence for Magma

A variety of data indicate that magma probably exists today underneath Long Valley and the Mono Basin. A seismic refraction line run in 1975 detected a suggestive reflection just east of the southern Deadman Creek rhyolite dome, which is the youngest dated vent in the region [Hill, 1976]. This reflection was almost identical in waveform to the first part of the wave train but shifted 180° in phase, indicating passage from a high-velocity to a low-velocity horizon. On certain seismic ray paths through the caldera, anomalous p and s wave attenuation has been observed, possibly indicating a magma chamber at depth [Ryall and Ryall, 1981]. Several of the seismic events during 1980, 1981, and 1982 gave the appearance of spasmodic tremor usually associated with volcanism (A. Ryall, personal communication, 1982). These swarms appear to be at decreasing depths occurring over the past year and a half, perhaps because magma is intruding progressively nearer the surface. Leveling changes of up to 25 cm [Savage and Clark, 1982] and gravity changes of up to 50 μ Gal (R. Jachens, personal communication, 1982), which spanned roughly the year following the May 1980 earthquake swarm, appear to indicate inflation of the ground surface, possibly because of the injection of magma at depth. These data suggest that the uplift was centered on the resurgent dome and give credence to the hypothesis that magma injection is occurring. Additional support for involvement of magma comes from the location of recent earthquake swarm activity on the southern ring fracture zone of the caldera, nearly on line with the young Inyo vents (A. Ryall, personal communication, 1982).

Mammoth Lakes—May 1982

It was against this background of increasing tectonic, and possibly volcanic, activity that the CSDP site assessment began. The effort was initiated by the Office of Basic Energy Sciences, U.S. Department of Energy, and has so far involved organizing sessions at the 1981 American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting in San Francisco; in Reston, Va., with the U.S. Geological Survey; and an open workshop and field trip held May 3-7, 1982, at Mammoth Lakes, Calif. The meeting at Mammoth Lakes was attended by over 60 scientists from government agencies, national laboratories, universities, and private industry. On May 4 a series of presentations was given by scientists funded under the program who described previous and proposed work. On May 5 a field trip to sites of volcanic and tectonic interest, traversing the entire volcanic field from north to south, concluded the formal activities.

On May 4, presentations began with an overview of project objectives by J. Rundle (Sandia National Laboratories), followed by a historical and national perspective of CSDP by R. Andrews (National Academy of Sciences Continental Scientific Drilling Committee). The sites under consideration for a deep (~10 km) drill hole were discussed along with the relevance to those goals of drilling in the Long Valley-Mono Craters region. D. Kreske (U.S. Forest Service, Inyo National Forest) discussed forest service interest in and activities related to geothermal development in the area. She also summarized permit procedures and ways to increase cooperation between the various investigators and the Forest Service. J. Eichelberger (Sandia National Laboratories) closed the opening remarks by reviewing the geological significance of the area to CSDP.

The scientific session opened with a discussion of heat flow and a comprehensive discussion by A. Lachenbruch (U.S. Geological Sur-

vey) on the physical implications of the heat flow measurement at Aerial Butte (ABT), located near the geomorphic center of the Mono Craters ring fracture system. Lachenbruch stated that there seems to be no detectable heat flow anomaly at ABT, provided that background heat flow appropriate to the Basin and Range Province is assumed. A magma chamber whose roof was congruent with the ring fracture zone would cause a substantial anomaly (~4 HFT) at ABT if it were closer to the surface than 10 km during the last 0.7-1 m.y., the age of the ring fracture according to Kistler. Using a simple conduction model with a chamber roof at 8 km, emplacement would have to be less than about 300,000 years ago, and at 6 km would have to be less than about 150,000 years ago in order to avoid producing a detectable anomaly. Lachenbruch plans to measure heat flow in several 200-m holes to clarify the transition from Sierran values to Basin and Range. J. Dunn (Sandia National Laboratories) then gave a synopsis of drilling activity planned by Sandia. The drilling program included measurement of heat flow at two geo-

physically interesting sites as well as drilling several instrumentation test holes. These holes will be bored for the purpose of testing a device currently under development for directly measuring the Nusselt number in regions of convective heat flow.

The next group was concerned with measurements related to crustal deformation and included J. Rundle, J. Whitcomb (University of Colorado), and R. Jachens (U.S. Geological Survey). Jachens began by describing his recent gravity change measurements in the Long Valley Caldera. Most of these were taken near Route 395 between Little Amphole Valley and Paradise Camp from June 1980 to October 1981. The data, which show as much as -54 μ Gal of change, generally support the leveling data that imply about 25 cm of uplift centered on the resurgent dome [Savage and Clark, 1982]. A problem in interpretation, however, is evident from the observation of -33 μ Gal change at Tom's Place on the southeast boundary of the caldera. Jachens plans to remeasure these stations as well as install some new ones in the Long Valley Caldera.

Whitcomb reviewed his measurements of precise gravity changes in southern California. This project, which is now 6 years old, has been conducted under the auspices of the NASA Geodynamics Program and the USGS Earthquake Prediction Program. With the development and use of a new absolute gravity meter, a tie now exists between the southern California gravity net and absolute gravity measured at four locations in southern California, including Owens Valley Radio Observatory. Whitcomb and Rundle plan to install additional stations in the Long Valley-Mono Craters area to monitor gravity changes and to increase the gravity measurements used for structural gravity interpretation in the area.

Rundle discussed recent methods and techniques he has developed for computing Green's functions in layered media. These techniques utilize a solution to the coupled elastic-gravitational field equations in the form of a Fourier-Bessel solution integral. The source can be placed at arbitrary depth in a plane layered medium, where densities and elastic moduli of each layer can be cho-

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